



REPRESENTATIVE

KIRK PEARSON



39TH DISTRICT

2001 QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for responding to the legislative questionnaire I mailed to you earlier this year. Your responses were very insightful and will help me as I vote on legislation in the coming weeks.

We are down to the final weeks of the 2001 regular session. It has been a unique experience and, with the earthquake near Olympia, an historic one as well.

Although the earthquake provided a short interruption in our schedule, it did not halt the session. We are finishing business in some tighter office spaces while the Capitol building is being repaired and are redoubling our efforts to address the critical issues facing our state, including:

- Protecting taxpayers by adopting a balanced, sustainable budget.
- Providing long-term transportation solutions that include streamlined permitting, competitive contracting and adjustments to prevailing wage laws to allow as many major projects as possible to be completed the next six years.
- Improving education through greater accountability and alternative teacher certification.
- Providing affordable prescription drugs.
- Ensuring fair and reasonable shoreline regulations.
- Providing relief for struggling farm communities through tax relief, water management policies and land-use changes.
- Protecting neighborhoods from methamphetamine labs and ensuring better supervision of violent criminals.
- Protecting consumers from identity theft.
- Preserving the rights of voters with a fair primary election system.

Many of these are priorities you marked in the survey. I have included those results in this mailer so that you may see how you and your neighbors in the 39th District responded.

Again, thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve you in Olympia. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Rank the issues which are most important to you:

	1st choice
Property Taxes	24%
Education	15%
Transportation	13%
Crime	12%
Health Care	10%
Energy Supplies	10%
Environment	9%
Modify GMA	5%
Social Services	2%

2. Which direction should the Legislature take with spending limits?

Spending limit should be vigorously defended	66%
Spending limit should be removed	9%
Limit should be exceeded to allow more government spending on:	
All - 12% Education - 9% Health Care - 3% Social Services - 1%	

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speaks on the
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EDUCATION

3. What are your education priorities?

	1st choice
Improve teacher training	26%
Reduce class sizes	25%
Increase grad. requirements	19%
Pass levy w/ simple majority	14%
Raise teacher salaries	13%
Higher salary for living cost	2%
Housing subsidy	1%

TRANSPORTATION

4. What is the number-one transportation problem you face on a day-to-day basis?

Traffic congestion	82%
Inadequate public transit	9%
Poor road conditions	7%
Too many accidents	2%

5. Please rank the transportation solutions most important to you.

	1st choice
More roads & lanes	45%
Trans. alternatives	32%
Reduce traffic	15%
Road maintenance	6%
Pedestrian/bike paths	2%

ELECTIONS

6. What's your opinion of the state's blanket primary system?

Strongly support it	76%
Mildly support it	10%
Strongly oppose it	9%
Mildly oppose it	5%

GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

7. How do you feel about changes to the Shoreline Management Act that would restrict the use of land abutting a river, lake or other shoreline?

Revise the SMA	62%
Leave SMA changes as is	38%

HEALTH CARE

8. How should prescription drug discounts for seniors be funded?

The state should fund them	55%
Pharmacies should fund them	45%

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